

KRAKOW TOWNSHIP

OCTOBER 14, 2014

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Krakow Township was held on October 14, 2014, at the Krakow Township Hall, 12022 Bolton Road, Posen, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Michael Grohowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call

Members Present: Michael Grohowski, Elaine M. Misiak, Michael T. Smith,
Roger K. Witherbee, Diane Mucciante

Member Absent: None

Guests: Brad Porter & Travis Horrocks – Porter’s Survey
Allan Berg – Township Assessor

Also Present: 10 Guests

7:02 – 7:43 P. M. Brad Porter – Survey Lot Line Problems

Mr. Porter made a presentation with information on a parcel/boundary line problem in the Hill Street/Grand Lake area. Involved are 12 owners and 17 parcels. He is recommending the board consider “cleaning” up the boundary lines and making a new assessor’s plat. If all owners can agree, it could take at least a year to process. If any parcel owners do not agree with the surveyor, the parties involved would go to court for a judge’s determination. Mr. Porter said all new descriptions are made so the parcel owners do not lose a significant amount of property.

The process would involve:

1. The township would pay for the project (to be reimbursed by parcel owners).
2. The parcel owners would pay ½ the cost based on ownership.
3. The parcel owners would pay ½ the cost based on size of property.
4. The parcel owners would be responsible for attorney fees.
5. The township would set up a special assessment to reimburse the township for the cost of the project.

He noted it is not necessary to obtain permission from all parcel owners to move ahead with the project. His estimated cost for doing the survey would be \$12,000.00. He is recommending that the parcel owners be invited to attend a township meeting with the surveyor and attorney. Supervisor Grohowski will contact the township attorney to review the Land Division Act. No action taken.

7:43 – 8:10 P.M. Allan Berg – Update of Property Re-inspection

Mr. Berg reviewed his reappraisal/re-inspection report. The scheduled completion date for field work is October 31, 2014. To date, he has discovered numerous errors in all but measurements of existing buildings. Discussion held regarding a set of land value and sales maps prepared by his office at a cost of \$234.00.

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Citizens' Comments

None

Treasurer's Financial Report – Subject to Audit
Financial Statement as of September 30, 2014 - \$78,272.05

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

- Treasurer's Report for September, 2014
- Report on Income, Expenses, and Budget Balances for September, 2014
- Minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2014
- Approve Vouchers and Payroll for October, 2014

Ayes: All

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Diane Mucciante

Tax Collections

Summer tax collection was held at the township hall on September 15 with payment received for 49 parcels. Treasurer Mucciante presented a written and verbal report on summer tax collections to September 30, 2014.

Website Update

Treasurer Mucciante would like to add an interactive tax help/information page on the township web site for her and the township assessor. The initial cost from Pontem for online property tax searches setup/enhanced annual hosting would be \$2,089.00. No action taken.

Treasurer Mucciante will be working with Jeanette (PC Advantage) to create a page on our township web site dedicated to tax questions.

Winter Newsletter

Please have all information to the treasurer by November 15, 2014.

Clerk's Report – Elaine M. Misiak

General Election – November 4, 2014

A meeting of the Election Commission was held prior to the regular meeting to appoint election inspectors and fulfill election requirements for the General Election.

Supervisor's Report – Michael Grohowski

Information on planning was forwarded to Mr. Witherbee (Planning Commission) and all information from Porter's Survey was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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Zoning Administrator (Absent)

Mr. Bedard filed his report through October 13, 2014. He received a zoning permit application for new construction of a pole barn, and a number of complaints regarding the construction of a storage shed on Long Lake. He has determined that the shed is not in compliance with the township ordinance, has contacted the owner, and will present a progress report in November.

He requested the Zoning Board of Appeals schedule a hearing for Andy Martlock, 7304 Grand Pt Rd, to consider his request for a variance. The hearing has been scheduled for October 29, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Assessing Office

Moved by Elaine M. Misiak, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to pay \$234.00 for land value and sales maps prepared for the re-inspection audit by Berg Assessing.

Ayes: Elaine M. Misiak, Roger K. Witherbee

Nays: Diane Mucciante, Michael T. Smith, Michael Grohowski

Motion failed.

Board of Review

Mr. Grohowski reported there will be an opening on the Board of Review.

Planning Commission – Roger K. Witherbee

Mr. Witherbee presented minutes for the meeting held on September 25, 2014. This was the first meeting attended by new member Sandra Paquette.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for December 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Posen Area Fire Department Authority – Michael T. Smith

Mr. Smith presented minutes for August 6, 2014 and September 3, 2014. Their FEMA grant was denied. Their latest project is installing a water main at the cost of approximately \$2,200.00. The Authority is discussing plans to purchase a new side-by-side to reach places not accessible by another other means. They would trade in the six wheeler and finance the new equipment through a lending institution. He asked for the board's response to the proposed purchase. All response was positive. Trustee Smith commented that they need a new rescue rig (cost is just under \$100,000). The Authority has access to a grant writer and the results of a grant application supported by all four townships could have a positive result.

Rogers City Ambulance Authority – Michael Grohowski

Mr. Grohowski presented a copy of the Rogers City Ambulance Authority audit report for the year ended June 30, 2014. Mr. Grohowski attended the meeting held on October 8th. Since Emmet County is stepping out of affiliation with Allied Emergency Services in December 2014, the Authority will be losing approximately \$30,000 in funds available for administrative costs. The next meeting will be held in November to discuss having one member from each region serve on the Allied Board.

Transfer Station Report - Freddie Barrett

Business is always slower in the fall and winter.
Monthly Report for September: Profit of \$18.82

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Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Smith

Mr. Smith reported there will be an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals for an alternate member.

ZBA Hearing

All requirements for the Andy Martlock hearing on October 29th have been met.

Other Committee Reports

None

Alternate Member for the ZBA

Freddie Barrett volunteered to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Moved by Diane Mucciante, supported by Mike Grohowski, to appoint Freddie Barrett as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and alternate George Heinzl become the full-time member.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letterhead

Diane presented three options available to township officials as a pdf. The board made their selection and approved purchasing a supply of 20# paper.

New Business

Resignation – Zoning Board of Appeals & Board of Review

Moved by Michael Grohowski, supported by Michael T. Smith, to accept the resignation of Ricky Bloxsom from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review, effective immediately.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

NEMCOG – 2015 Membership (October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015)

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Diane Mucciante, to approve 2015 membership with NEMCOG at the cost of \$605.00.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Other New Business

Presque Isle County Township Officers Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2015. Krakow Township will be hosting the January meeting.

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Snow Removal Contract

Mr. Marvin Budnick was present and offered to plow snow at the hall and transfer station at the cost of \$50 for the hall and \$75 for the transfer station for the 2014/15 season.

Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to contract Marvin Budnick to plow at the rate of \$50.00 at the township hall and \$75.00 at the transfer station.

Ayes: All

Motion carried

MTA – Meeting on Tax Collections

Treasurer Mucciante would like to attend with option to buy the guidebook. The meeting will be held on November 13th in Gaylord. Moved by Michael T. Smith, supported by Roger K. Witherbee, to send Treasurer Mucciante to a MTA tax collection meeting in Gaylord at the cost of \$99 plus mileage.

Ayes: All

Motion carried

Citizens' Comments

Topics: New Steps and Street Light on 638/Highland Pines

Adjourn

Moved by Roger K. Witherbee, supported by Michael T. Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: All

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Misiak, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF KRAKOW

Approved: November 11, 2014